

ALPHA COMPANY 1-16 INF

To Our Loved Ones,

Greetings to all! The first month of 2004 is history. January was not drastically different than the previous months, with Attack Company conducting raids, IED patrols, search and attacks, and numerous other missions. The hard work paid off with the capture of local terrorist leaders, discovery of IEDs, and the removal of tons of weapons from enemy hands. The newcomers are welcome and are rapidly integrating themselves into the unit and contributing to the effort. As we look back over the past five months, where we have been and where we are, we are optimistic about the future and certain in the positive effect of our efforts in securing Iraq and bringing stability and peace to this dictator ravaged and war torn land. What Saddam took 30 years to destroy, Attack Company is helping rebuild piece by piece. The men of Attack Company are proud of their work and proud of their contribution to the defense of America, which sleeps safer tonight in part because of our efforts in Iraq. A safe, secure, and democratic Iraq will have a profound and transformational influence upon the Middle East. However, America will not fail and Attack will not fail. Attack is only as strong on the war front as it is on the home front, and your strength and resilience gives us the strength and confidence we need to safely and successfully accomplish our missions and ensure that terrorists fail. Despite news reports to the contrary, signs on the ground point to a bright future ahead for Iraq and its people. You can see it in the children and know that their future, once condemned by Saddam, is bright and full. Iraq is safer today because of the efforts of Attack Company and will become even safer tomorrow because of our continued efforts and your support. Thank you for your dedication to the men of Attack Company, without which our job would be more difficult. We appreciate all of your efforts, e-mails, packages, and support. Thank you!

The Men Who Love You